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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS ARMSTRONG TO ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Dr. José L. Armstrong** of Raleigh to the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board.

Armstrong is the medical director for Carolina Healthcare Providers. He is a former Helms Medical Institute medical acupuncture instructor at the University of California at Los Angeles. Armstrong received his Bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and is a graduate of Ponce School of Medicine in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The board has a responsibility to regulate acupuncture licenses, establish requirements for acupuncture schools and authorize continuing education programs for licensure. The board has six members, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints two members. The senate president pro tempore and the speaker of the house each appoint two members.

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